

Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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A department devoted to the interests of the Volunteer Firemen of the state of Nebraska.

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On the first page of section two of this issue of The Herald will be found some interesting news about the Norfolk fire department. These live wire firemen are doing good work and it is encouraging to see the interest they are giving the work.

A special election was held at Overton the first of April on a waterworks proposition. The Overton fire department took special interest in the proposition, with the result that the waterworks bonds carried by a vote of 95 to 15. The able chief of this department, H. H. Beltner, put in some good lies with the boys and it will not be long until they are equipped, as they should be, with a good city waterworks system. This department has four out of five village trustees as members. On Monday night, April 3, four new members were admitted to the department. E. L. Tillotson, the "P. A." of the department, is another good worker and helps us out with news from time to time.

The Hildreth fire department is in need of a good fire whistle. They are changing their pumping from steam to electricity and need a whistle that will run by electric power. We would recommend the whistle on exhibition at Crawford in January by The Andersen Company of Omaha. It is, in our opinion, one of the most practicable we have seen and good for use in all kinds of weather, while its penetrating power is sufficient for any town up to the larger ones of the state. If the boys over the state will write H. M. Ware of the Hildreth department, regarding their experiences with whistles or will write us regarding it, we will be pleased to publish their letters in this department.

In addition to the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, we happen to belong to other state organizations of a similar character. Most of these associations have a state chaplain who conducts the delicious portion of the conventions and who presides at or takes part in the annual memorial services. We would suggest that at the next convention, to be held in Auburn, the constitution be amended to provide for a state chaplain and for annual memorial services for the members who have died during the previous year. And we would suggest that the first state chaplain be "Preacher Raddin" of Crawford, the man who found his way to the hearts of Nebraska's volunteer firemen at Nebraska City a year ago and who made good at Crawford in January of this year. Now that we have started the ball rolling, boys, keep it up and take action next January at Auburn.

Fire Chief Leonard Pilkington took a little trip from Alliance to Lincoln the other day, telling the boys that he was going down to "look over heating plants for plunges" as one is needed for the Alliance fire department plunge. He returned last Saturday morning and was not accompanied alone. The boys learned of his "deception" and promptly at 8 o'clock the big auto fire truck, to which was hitched a hose cart, drew up in front of the Alliance hotel and a delegation of firemen escorted the chief and his new "better half" to the cart. They were given a ride up and down main street while the fire whistle blew and the bells rang and the boys threw rice fast and furiously. The bride was Miss Ruth Leonard of Lincoln and formerly of Alliance.

The North Platte fire department will give a banquet on Monday, May 15. On the list of speakers will be State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell; the Democratic candidate for governor, Keith Neville; and "last and least" the writer of this column—Lloyd Thomas. A good time is looked forward to, for the North Platte boys have the reputation of being excellent entertainers.

Nebraska volunteer firemen should not forget the insurance department of the state association. A large number of new members were added at the Crawford convention but there should be several hundred more of the boys in this department who are not there. It is the cheapest insurance that can be procured. A member of the state association can join for one dollar and those who are not members of the state association in good standing can join for two dollars. One dollar is then paid on the death of a member of the insurance department. Write Secretary E. A. Miller at Kearney for blanks and get the boys in your department to join.

Every few days we are pleased to receive a visit from volunteer firemen from over the state. It does us good to have the boys drop in at our office when in Alliance and we always have our latching out for them. When passing through Alliance don't forget to pay The Herald office a call. Four of The Herald's force are volunteer firemen and when the Alliance fire whistle blows it certainly does stop work for a while. There is always a race between the boys to see who will catch the big fire truck before it leaves the fire house a block away. Sometimes we catch it and sometimes we don't—but we always go just the same. At times when all the presses and other machinery in the mechanical department are running it is impossible for the boys in that part of the shop to hear the whistle so we have installed a large electric bell for their benefit and at the first sound of the fire whistle it is the duty of the young lady in the office to ring this bell.

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GASO-TONIC "EXPLUDES"

Affable Young Man at Lincoln Who Sold Gasoline "Pep" Had to Pay a Fine of \$150.00

Lincoln, Nebr., May 10—(By F. C. Ayres and H. L. Cooper)—Governor Morehead recently sold his 1200-acre ranch in Dundy county to T. R. Douthett, a wealthy farmer from North Carolina. The price paid was \$27,000, or \$22.50 per acre.

During the month of April the automobile department of Secretary of State Pool's office issued 7,025 automobile and 458 motorcycle licenses. Since the first of the year this department has issued a total of 71,100 licenses for automobiles and 2,616 motorcycle licenses. This is a large increase over last year.

The state has just received its quarterly allowance from the United States government, amounting to \$8,590, for the maintenance of the soldiers and sailors homes in Nebraska. The government pays the state \$100 each for the care of the soldiers and their wives in these homes. This pays about half the cost of the care of each member. There are 109 members of the Milford home and its share of this allotment is \$2,725; while Grand Island with 235 members received \$5,875.

One of the pleasant phases of the recent primary, especially one on which the democrats are just now congratulating themselves is the remarkable gain in votes over two and four years ago. The democratic primary gain in four years is approximately 68 per cent, while the republican gain is only 29 per cent. The total democratic vote cast in the recent primaries was 86,887 against 51,269 four years ago. This is taken as an excellent tribute to the Woodrow Wilson sentiment in Nebraska, as well as to the splendid state administration of the democrats.

Gas-o-Tonic is a new one on the Pure Food and Oil Commission. Recently an affable and versatile young gent with a vocabulary to match, hired a down-town store room and stocked it with a liquid called Gas-o-Tonic, supposed to be manufactured in Cincinnati, and proceeded to dispense it at a few drops of it squirted into the gas tank of an outa would increase the mileage of gasoline at least 25 per cent. The gentleman was doing a land office business when one of Food and Oil Commissioner Harman's inspectors happened along, and being of a curious disposition, as befits his vocation, started an investigation. A can of the tonic was procured and analyzed by the state chemist. It was found to contain practically 100 per cent petroleum product, with the same specific gravity as gasoline. As the state law requires gasoline and kerosene to be inspected before being sold in Nebraska, the affable and versatile gent was haled before the court and made to pay a fine of \$150 for selling a petroleum product in Nebraska without first being inspected. The Food Commission has resurrected Barnum's famous speech of seven words.

A check for \$9,928.96 was received this week by State Treasurer Hall, coming from the Institute for Feeble Minded at Beatrice. This sum represents the amount paid to the institution on behalf of the inmates who come from different sections of the state. The state law requires that the parent or guardian, if financially able to do so, and if not, that the county of their residence, be obligated to pay to the institution the sum of \$40 yearly for each ward under the state's care, the money to be used to purchase clothing for them. This is designated as a cash fund. Formerly this money was expended directly by the superintendent in charge. A year or two ago an investigation disclosed that this money was not being used to the best advantage and could not be under the system of buying then in vogue. When State Treasurer Hall took charge of his office he insisted that this money be turned into the state treasury and drawn out on state warrants the same as other institutional cash funds, under the direction of the Board of Commissioners. The board recently made a ruling to this effect, and hereafter clothing for the wards of this institution will be purchased under its direction and with the same advantages that the other fourteen institutions now enjoy.

CLUBS ARE ACTIVE

Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska Starting out for Year of Usefulness

The Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska, comprised of the towns in the eleven counties constituting the "pan handle" of Nebraska—Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux, are awakening much interest among the different clubs in this territory. The officers of the association are Walter C. Raddin, Crawford, president; Wm. Ritchie, Jr., Bridgeport, first vice president; G. L. Shumway, Scottsbluff, second vice president; Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance, secretary; Clayton Radcliffe, Sidney, treasurer.

The directors and the different towns they represent are as follows: Alliance—Earl D. Mallery, Angola—E. L. Lovenburg, Bridgeport—K. W. McDonald, Bayard—P. W. DeVault, Bingham—J. M. Rentfro, Broadwater—A. A. Adams, Chadron—J. F. Lawrence, Crawford—W. B. Morrison, Chappell—John Wertz, Dalton—C. W. Handley, Ellsworth—Chas. C. Jameson, Gering—A. N. Mathers, Gordon—Ray Lyon, Hemingford—K. L. Pierce, Hay Springs—Paul Morgan, Harrison—C. O. Wertz, Henry—Vance Kibbe, Harrisburg—J. H. Eckerson, Kimball—B. K. Buehler, Lodgepole—A. E. Crandall, Lewellen—S. P. Delatour, Minatare—R. O. Chambers, Melbeta—B. E. Yoder, Mitchell—J. T. Whitehead,

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WALTERS CASE HEARD

Decision Will Be Rendered Soon on Question of Filings Made on Valuable Valley Homesteads

A case attracting much interest before the United States land office in Alliance this week was that of Charles Walters vs. Wm. F. Peterson for the filing on a valuable 160-acre tract of land near Minatare, Nebraska. The tract contains 86 acres of irrigable land and is considered one of the choicest pieces allotted in the drawing made here March 24. Walters, a former Alliance young man, made filing on the land before the land office, at 9 o'clock on the morning of March 24 and also made settlement on the land at the same hour of the same day. Peterson was the lucky (?) one who drew the land at the government land drawing that afternoon. Walters' contention is that he should be allowed the filing on account of prior settlement. Peterson contends that inasmuch as he was the one who was successful in getting the winning number at the drawing that afternoon his filing should be accepted.

Peterson did not make settlement on the land until April 26, a little more than a month after the drawing. The local land office will render a decision within a few days. It is very probable that the losing party in the case will appeal to the land office at Washington for a final decision. In the meantime both parties are residing on the tract.

Another case attracting attention was that of Henry Nehne vs. Helen Brady over the right to a valuable, improved irrigated claim near Scottsbluff, at the mouth of Nine-mile canyon. Nehne contested the homestead right of Miss Brady, claiming that she was not residing on the land. He was represented by Attorney Baldrige of Scottsbluff, and Miss Brady was represented by Attorney Ritchie of Bridgeport.

The Alliance land office decided the case in favor of Miss Brady. The contestant is allowed thirty days in which to appeal the case to the department at Washington.

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The standard of advertising is more exacting today than ever before. Advertisers are more careful of their promises and more interesting in their text and illustrations. They are more careful with the preparation of their copy and they arrange for its frequent appearance because they know it is repetition that makes an impression.

A clock without hands would create no interest and draw no crowds because while it might be running no one would know it. Just so with a store that has no advertising to tell the public what is going on inside. The successful merchants of Alliance "Point the Way" with their advertising which is continuously appearing in

The Alliance Herald

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